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In re Application of:
TON ET AL.

Application No. 09/776,794

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DYNAMIC ALLOCATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF SEMAPHORES FOR
ACCESSING SHARED RESOURCES

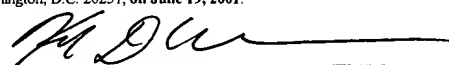
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please ~~enter~~ the following amendment.

In the Abstract:

Replace page 19 (the entire Abstract) of the original filed patent application with the following Abstract:

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The Abstract as replaced herein fully complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Moreover, no new matter has been added with the amendment to the Abstract.

In view of the above amendment to the abstract, the application is considered in good and proper form for examination. Applicants believe that no fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee due associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 501430.

Moreover, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee due any under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and § 1.17 associated with this communication or any future communication in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501430. Furthermore, the Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat this communication or any future communication in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefore, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501430 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,
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